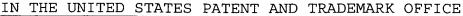
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 3, 2006, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expires on January 3, 2007, amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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